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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/865,112
Title: *SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR EXCHANGING
INFORMATION BETWEEN OPTICAL NODES*
Filed: May 24, 2001
Inventors: Marc Robidas and Arvind Puntambekar
Our Ref. No.: SYCS-014

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Response to Notice To File Missing Parts of Application (in duplicate);
2. Executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney;
3. Copy of the Formalities Letter;
4. 7 Sheets of Substitute Drawings (Figures 1-8);
5. Check for \$130.00 (declaration surcharge); and
6. Return mailroom postcard.

Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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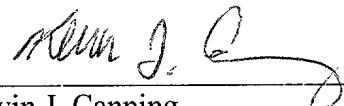
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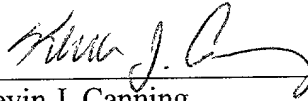
Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application dated July 25, 2001, Applicants' attorney submits herewith the executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney for Patent Application and a check in the amount of **\$130.00** to cover the declaration surcharge fee.

Also enclosed in Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application, Applicants' attorney submits herewith 7 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-8). Applicants respectfully submit that the formal drawings are in compliance with the requirements set forth on the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application.

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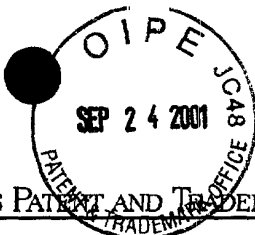
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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